MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know from what source water is tapped at Vaikom?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is from a well. A very good well, I suppose, yields a good deal of water. I have ordered an investigation into the matter.

Water scarcity in the Quilon town.

159 *MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there is acute water scarcity in the Quilon town?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not till this year when there was an unprecedented drought.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartigapally*): May I know whether there is any scheme for water supply at Quilon in view of the recent scarcity of water at that place?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not as a general question.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Is there any scheme under consideration for water supply to Quilon, in consideration of the shortage of water during very dry seasons?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes Sir, there is one.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether representations have been received from the Quilon Municipality for providing permanent water supply to Quilon town?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There was a recent application. An investigation has been ordered.

MR. P. K KURIAKOSE: May I know whether there was any attempt to prevent shortage of water this year at Quilon?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It came to our notice rather too late. In the meanwhile rains came on.

MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to introduce water supply in the town of Quilon?

PRESIDENT: It is a suggestion for future action.

Inspection of Manimala bridge and Moolepilackal crossing.

160 *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the Manimala bridge and the Moolepilackal crossing; and

(*b*) the results of that inspection?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Instructions have been issued to prepare estimates for bridges at both the sites.

Improvement to Appathukulam.

161 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any petition was received by Government for improvement of the Appathukulam, Kunnathur pakuthi;

(*b*) if so, whether any steps are taken for effecting the necessary improvements?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been sanctioned and funds provided in the budget for 1121.

Sluices in the Tovala Channel.

162 ❋ **MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any Government order prohibiting the construction of sluices till the 19th mile of the Tovala channel;

(*b*) whether there is any sluice now within this prohibited limit; and

(*c*) if there is any, whether there is any Government sanction for the construction of the same?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) There are 24 sluices within the 19 miles.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Concrete road from Trivandrum to Cape Comorin.

163 ❋ **MR. P. M. VARGHESE** (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) Will the Government be pleased to state the length of the concrete road from Trivandrum to Cape Comorin?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: 45 miles and 1141 feet.

Ayarkunnam-Mattakkara Road.

164 ❋ **MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the very pitiabl condition of the Ayarkunnam-Mattakkara road; and

(*b*) whether it is a ryots road or a road owned by the Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) It is a road owned by Government.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: With reference to answer to part (b) may I know from the member whether this road has been maintained annually by the department?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have not seen the road myself. So I cannot give a definite answer now.

Road from Veli to Kadinamkulam.

165. ❋ **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any portion of the proposed road from Veli to Kadinamkulam has been constructed and if so, to what extent?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No portion has been constructed.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether any estimate has been prepared and if so when?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: An estimate has been prepared.

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